

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend first full paragraph appearing on page 13 as follows:

Consumables are held on the other part of the upper surface of the turntable 21 along the outer periphery. For example, a number of nozzle tips ~~2124~~, a mixing cup 13 (a molded product provided with a plurality of cup-like recesses), a diluent container 14 and a reference liquid container 15 are held on the turntable 21 the outer periphery thereof.

Please amend first full paragraph appearing on page 14 as follows:

As shown in Figure ~~23~~, the sample cartridge 7 is a sector in plan (the top surface and the bottom surface are sectorial) obtained by dividing the sample tray 2 by straight lines passing through the center of the sample tray 2. That is, the inner and outer end faces 7a and 7b are arcuate and right and left side faces are oblique faces directed toward the center of the sample tray 2.